

In Wisconsin we have 5 types of Fire Departments Career, Combination, Volunteer, Affiliate and Federal/State/Military/Tribal. The table below reflects those numbers and as you can see, we are mostly made up of Volunteer Fire depts.

<i>Kind of Department</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Total # of Depts. in Wisconsin</i>
<i>Career Fire Department</i>	<i>100% of the members are in full or part-time paid positions</i>	<i>41</i>
<i>Combination Fire Department</i>	<i>Combination of full-time, paid-on-call, or volunteer members</i>	<i>123</i>
<i>Volunteer Fire Department</i>	<i>Predominately volunteer members</i>	<i>648</i>
<i>Affiliate Fire Department</i>	<i>Affiliate of another Fire Department</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>Federal/State/Military/Tribal Departments</i>	<i>Governed by Federal, State, Military or Tribal organizations</i>	<i>10</i>

The number of Firefighters that are in those depts are in the table below. (These numbers are based on what fire chiefs have reported to DSPS when they have updated their fire department records. This is usually done before they complete the 2% fire dues self-certification.)

<i>Fire Dept</i>	<i>Number of Firefighters</i>
<i>Career</i>	<i>3542</i>
<i>Combination</i>	<i>7532</i>
<i>Volunteer</i>	<i>17220</i>
<i>Affiliate</i>	<i>879</i>
<i>Federal/State/Military/Tribal</i>	<i>144</i>